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Attorney General Frosh Requests DHS and HHS Provide Status and Location of Immigrant Children Relocated to Maryland Facilities

Request for Details of Reunification Plans and Health and Legal Services Provided to Young Children

BALTIMORE, MD (June 20, 2018) – Following reports of immigrant children being sent to and housed in locations throughout the United States, Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today sent a <u>letter</u> to the secretaries of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requesting specific information regarding immigrant children being relocated to Maryland.

Maryland is among 17 states to which the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) is sending some of the 2,300 children separated from their parents since the Trump Administration instituted its zero tolerance policy. In his letter, Attorney General Frosh requested the agencies provide the following:

- The identity and location of the Maryland organizations and facilities under contract with ORR to provide services to unaccompanied and separated immigrant children;
- For each child that may be held at a Maryland facility, the child's age, location of parents, and whether healthcare and legal services have been provided; and,
- The plan and timeline for reunification with parents or relatives for each child relocated to Maryland.

"The Trump Administration's actions endanger the safety and well-being of innocent children," said Attorney General Frosh. Our concerns about the utter lack of accountability and failure to plan for reunification of these families must be addressed with urgency."

Earlier this week, Attorney General Frosh joined 21 other Attorneys General in demanding that the Trump Administration immediately end the policy of separating children from their parents at our borders.